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Governor Daugaard Fills Position on Ellsworth Development Authority

PIERRE, S.D. – Gov. Dennis Daugaard has appointed Bob Sutton of Pierre to the South Dakota Ellsworth Development Authority.

Sutton is President of the South Dakota Community Foundation, a nonprofit philanthropic group that invests in a wide range of programs promoting the social and economic well-being of South Dakotans.

“I commend Bob for agreeing to devote his time and talents on the Ellsworth Development Authority,” Gov. Daugaard said. “He has long-fostered South Dakota interests and will be a great addition to the Authority.”

The South Dakota Ellsworth Development Authority was formed in 2009 to protect Ellsworth Air Force Base from closure efforts. After the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission recommended abandoning Ellsworth in 2005, state and local officials successfully worked with South Dakota’s congressional delegation to prevent the air base from being closed by the President.

Sutton succeeds Gary Grittner of Fort Pierre, whose term on the Authority has expired.

Appointments to the seven-member Ellsworth Development Authority are subject to confirmation by the South Dakota Senate.